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Put your clocks
back on Sunday



'Our hearts are broken forever'

BY JAMES AVERILL

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TRIBUTES have been paid to a brave little boy who 'united the city' after he sadly lost his fight against cancer.

Four-year-old Henry Allen, from Bletchley, passed away on Sunday afternoon after suffering from neuroblastoma, a cancer which affects the nervous system.

A statement from Henry's parents, Mark and Dawn, said: "At 3.15pm today Henry gained his angel wings."

"Mark and I are absolutely devastated and our hearts will be broken forever. We were able to grant Henry's last wish and he remained at home where his mummy and daddy could be by his side."

"Fly high little man, nothing can grow and nothing can hurt you now."

The tragic news has touched the hearts of thousands of people in MK and a book of remembrance will be at the Irish Centre in Fenny Stratford from 5-8pm today. It will also be at Midsummer Place at a time still to be confirmed at the weekend.

Remembrance books will also be at The Three Trees in Bletchley, The Galleon in Wolverton and 360 Play in Knowlhill from tomorrow.

And at last night's MK Dons match against Carlisle United, MK Dons manager Karl Robinson wore a black armband and there was a round of



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applause in the fourth minute.

As previously reported, The Henry Allen Appeal was set up to raise £500,000 to send the youngster abroad for medical care but he became too ill for treatment.

Lucy Minas, who organised a wed-

ding walk in aid of the appeal, said: "Henry united Milton Keynes. People believed they could help."

More than £100,000 has been raised for the appeal and Charlotte Rham, fundraising manager for charity Families Against Neuroblastoma,

said: "Henry is the third child to have lost the fight to neuroblastoma in MK alone and all funds raised for Henry's appeal will go towards helping other children like him. We hope the local community will help keep Henry's legacy alive."

Rose 'not right place' to mark Armistice Day

MEMBERS of several branches of the Royal British Legion have slammed a decision to hold an Armistice Day service at the new MK Rose.

Members of the branches in Milton Keynes feel the Rose is not a suitable place for such a service and will instead hold ones of their own.

Councillor Isabella Fraser, president of the Jubilee branch which will hold its service at a new memorial in Coffee Hall, said: "There are nine branches of the Royal British Legion in Milton Keynes and only one of them supports the MK Rose."

"The other eight will celebrate at their own war memorial."

"I consider it a very great insult to be accused of boycotting Armistice Day, but I will not go anywhere near that abomination."

"We don't want to celebrate our war veterans when the next plinths are for International Joke Day and Skipping Day."

Ken Whiskerd, who is the chairman of the same branch, said: "We are not boycotting Armistice Day, but our branch members feel that the Rose is not the right place for it."

Milton Keynes Mayor Brian White is set to lay the wreath on the Armistice Day plinth at the Rose on Monday, November 11 - two days after he will have officially opened it.

Gavin Anderson, trustee of the Cenotaph Trust, which helped build and fund the Rose with The Parks Trust, said: "I guess they're free to their opinion but I'm sad they are not embracing the Rose."

"I can't think of anything that could possibly cause offence to anyone who attends."

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Culture: D'Fi at the centre in Lloyds Court with murals of Hip Hop stars The Notorious B.I.G. (left), and Tupac

Hip Hop centre will be 'focal point' for youngsters

URBAN culture is being given a boost with the city's first dedicated centre of Hip Hop.

And the person behind the facility believes that it will help 'urban culture explode'.

The centre, in Lloyds Court,

Central Milton Keynes, is the brainchild of local rapper and producer D'Fi, who also goes by the name of Izmael.

D'Fi, who already runs an urban arts academy called Utter Defiance, said: "Hip Hop is a

positive and inclusive culture that offers everything, including dance, art, music and history.

"It seemed nobody had really touched on that culture in our city, but this centre will be a focal point for our young people."

A bid to save the home of sports clubs

BY JAMES AVERILL

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THE future of a swimming pool and a number of sports clubs in Newport Pagnell could be under threat unless a town council receives help to buy two local facilities.

Middleton Pool and Willen Road Sports Ground in Newport Pagnell have been placed onto an asset transfer programme by Milton Keynes Council (MKC).

The two facilities, which are currently managed by Newport Pagnell Town Council, will be made available for organisations to bid for.

The town council, which currently gets a yearly grant of £110,000 from MKC to run them, wants to enter a partnership to buy the facilities once MKC stops its grant funding next year.

But the town council has said that it is unable to afford to buy the pool and sports grounds, of which it has long-term leases, without financial help.

A statement by the town council said: "Having investigated all other avenues, we are seeking to go into partnership

with an organisation for the purposes of financial restructuring, which will go towards filling the deficit caused by the removal of the support grant."

But there are fears that if a partner cannot be found the future of the pool and several sports clubs, including Newport Pagnell Town FC, will be put in doubt.

Councillor Ian Carman, chairman of the town council's business development committee, said: "If we don't find a partner then it would be up to the sports clubs to make their own decisions. There is no other feasible way of doing it, but hopefully it won't come to that."

"We will be inviting groups to tender, and from our perspective they are important facilities and we want to maintain them and also look to make some improvements."

Middleton Pool had nearly 90,000 visits in 2012-13 and the sports ground is home to several football teams, as well as clubs for tennis and cricket.



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Recovering: Tony Field with his family and the people who saved him at stadiummk last night

Dons fan thanks paramedics

AN MK Dons fan finally got the chance to thank the people who saved his life in an emotional reunion at stadiummk last night.

Tony Field, 80, of Furzton, collapsed in the concourse prior to the match against Stevenage on September 28.

But his life was saved by quick-thinking members of St John Ambulance and staff at the Dons, who treated him on the scene with a defibrillator.

He was then taken to John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford, where he awoke to find out

his team had won 4-1.

"I can't remember much of the incident, but when the doctor told me the result it made my day. I have so much to thank everybody for, they saved my life."

■ For more on this story visit www.mkweb.co.uk

Spiders weave a web of terror

BY JESSICA DUNCAN

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FALSE widow spiders have definitely crawled into the city, according to a research assistant from The Open University.

But spider enthusiast, Martin Harvey, 50, said residents shouldn't be alarmed.

He said: "The spiders are definitely around in Milton Keynes and they do bite but only if you pick them up or squash them between your clothing."

"The species is hard to identify as many spiders look like

false widows. People can upload pictures on the ISpot website, where we can help identify them. People react differently to bites, but there is no evidence that you can die or will need a limb amputated."

On Friday we reported on our website - www.mkweb.co.uk - that Haaris Riaz, 19, from Shenley Brook End feared having to have his leg amputated after what doctors believe was a bite from a false widow spider.

Another Milton Keynes resident, Matt Ruff, had to undergo two operations after being bitten on the leg.



For more on this story, including how to spot a false widow spider, visit www.mkweb.co.uk

Since then there has been a social media frenzy and we have been inundated with tweets and calls from worried residents.

Benjamin Smith on Twitter said: "Genuinely traumatised over this false widow spider business", while Craig Collins simply said: "Moving!"

Faye Marie said: "I really wish I hadn't been told that the false widow spider is on the rampage in MK."

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Attempted murder

A MAN is due to appear in court charged with the attempted murder of a woman in Bletchley. Arthur Smith, 28, from Drayton Parslow is due at Reading Crown Court on Friday.

Wanted man appeal

POLICE need help finding Darren Levy, a man wanted in connection with a vicious dog chain attack in Walnut Tree. See more at mkweb.co.uk.

Burka man charged

ADIL Rehman, 24, has been charged with attempted robbery of a shop in Wolverton while wearing a burka. He is due to appear at Aylesbury Crown Court tomorrow.

Security giant's Bletchley deal

A COMPUTER security giant from the USA has signed a five-year partnership with Bletchley Park.

McAfee will sponsor an international Cyber Security Exhibition and Computer Learning Zone, which will be located in a block of Bletchley Park which has sat derelict for

decades and will reopen as a visitor centre after being restored.

Commenting on the deal, the largest in McAfee's history outside America, Bletchley Park CEO Iain Standen said he hoped they could 'inspire the next generation of codebreakers'.

No homes for Willen Lake

THE Parks Trust has denied rumours it has plans to build new homes at Willen Lake.

The trust said the piece of land in question, which stretches from Campbell Park to Willen Lake, has only been identified as an area where it

could make 'improvements'.

Chief executive David Foster told MK NEWS: "We very much want this to be a leisure complex. There is no intention for housing, but we may accommodate the new canal if it ever gets to that stage."

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Do what's right for MK

OVER the summer, a little bit of Milton Keynes has been on show in Central London.

But here, in the new city, the original is threatened by developer Taylor Wimpey, supported by the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA).

In the courtyard of the Royal Academy of Arts, a full size replica of a house in Oxley Park has been taking pride of place. It has been part of the exhibition celebrating the work of British architect Richard Rogers – his work is internationally famous and includes the Pompidou Centre in Paris, the listed Lloyds building in the City of London and the Oxley Woods estate here in Milton Keynes. He is the winner of many awards.

Meanwhile, in Milton Keynes, Taylor Wimpey has again submitted proposals for completing the scheme that make a mockery of the original design.

Twenty-two houses remain to be built out of a total of 147: using innovative manufacturing techniques, they are designed to be assembled in just 24 hours. Selected as part of an international design competition, they are liked by their residents, who enjoy living in houses designed by Richard Rogers, and they sell well.

The Taylor Wimpey proposals have been refused permission once already by Milton Keynes Council. They are opposed by existing residents, the parish council and have again been criticised by the council.

But HCA is content to let Taylor Wimpey slide away from its obligations. Instead of insisting that the remaining houses are

built to the original design or its equivalent, HCA is allowing Taylor Wimpey to seek approval for a mediocre pastiche of the original.

When design of high quality comes to Milton Keynes, we should encourage it, complete it and make sure its significance is recognised.

It is in the interest of all residents of Milton Keynes that we enhance the city's reputation for innovation, where the unusual and unexpected can happen and is encouraged.

This has not been understood by the HCA – it should put the interests of Milton Keynes before those of Taylor Wimpey.

It should use its powers to get the scheme completed as originally envisaged, if necessary by bringing in another developer.

Have they the courage to do what is right for Milton Keynes?

Robert de Grey
Milton Keynes Forum, the civic society for Milton Keynes

Riled by rail comments

I FIND it quite extraordinary to read in last week's story 'Rail fare rise cap' that what is an above-inflation increase in rail fares will, according to MK Tory MP Iain Stewart, 'go a long way to helping residents with the cost of living'.

Similarly, MP Mark Lancaster is 'delighted by these measures'.

To get our minds around this, it is all a bit like telling someone wrongly sentenced to 25 years in jail to be happy because it could easily have been 35 years.

Frederick Toates
Sent via email

Hot idea to keep warm

REGARDING your story 'Cold

homes may be costing lives' (MK NEWS, October 16).

This is not to be wondered at.

After all, how many forms of heating does the average modern house have these days? Most will have gas-fired central heating and all will have sockets in which to plug an electric heater of some sort.

The older ones will possibly have an open fire of some kind.

I can remember some of them had a useful accessory – a back boiler, which was an excellent source of hot water, whether for the bath or for the central heating.

Alas, the myth has been allowed to prevail that it is nowhere near efficient enough to meet what are called 'green targets'.

Well, it may not have equalled the theoretical efficiency of a modern combi boiler, but it had this virtue, namely, that it was stout and well-built.

Carbonaceous rubbish could also be burned on the open fire instead of being buried in landfill sites, where it will decompose to produce methane, which is more potent a greenhouse gas than carbon dioxide is.

A good all-round heating system would comprise gas for instant hot water, electricity and the open fire system described above.

Barry Gowland
Penryn Avenue
Fishermead

Blot on the landscape

ONE of my favourite walks is along the canal from Cosgrove north to Grafton Regis.

Eastward there are views across the Tove Valley to Castlethorpe, Hanslope spire and glimpses of trains on the West Coast Main Line. It is especially good when a low sun strikes across from the west.

Today, though, the setting sun lit something like a steel razor blade slashed through this gently rolling landscape. Network Rail has just planted several

miles of bright metal palisade fencing along the railway.

This double line of glittering steel follows the skyline. So why this savaging of our local landscape by a body which likes to blow its environmental trumpet?

The line, which was fenced already, runs through private farmland and the few footpath crossings are bridged. These fields are hardly a crime or vandalism hotspot and no miles of fencing will deter suicides. And couldn't they use green or brown fencing instead of bright metal – a bit more costly, perhaps, but how much is our countryside worth?

We have few really good landscapes around Milton Keynes and it is such individual acts of carelessness which combine to destroy what we have. We just need a few more huge barns with over-zealous security lighting and the proposed Stoke Heights and Haversham wind farms to finish it off for good.

If you share my concerns, please join me in writing to the Customer Relations Department, Network Rail, Kings Place, 90 York Way, London, N1 9AG. We can't save Castlethorpe, but we may stop it happening down the line.

Chris Coppock
Sent via email



Jon Brett's City Life

His column written exclusively for MK NEWS



Gamble didn't pay off at night at the Xscape

THIS probably won't come as a surprise to regular readers – I don't get out much these days, but when I do, there's not much I don't notice.

In olden times there wasn't a Friday or Saturday night I would miss at Chicago Rock Cafe and as time moved on and venues closed, I could regularly be found at City Limits in the Xscape.

And so when I met up with friends last weekend at Xscape, I was

interested to see that the old City Limits had now become Coal Bar and Grill and next door to that a new Wagamama's.

Always keen to try new things, we waited 45 minutes for a table at Coal; starters – good, main course – great, desserts – naff!

I could have probably passed on the pudding but being greedy, I ordered the crème brulee, which was cold, my wife's sticky toffee

pudding was chewy, not sticky, my friend's waffle was stale, not moist, and his wife's icecream dessert was simply dull.

And our disappointment didn't end there; the whole purpose of our night out was to check out the new 'super' casino.

With the main entrance outside the Xscape building, we had to brave the heavy rain to make our way to the door. And while the rain

clearly wasn't putting off hardened gamblers who were prepared to get a soaking to get in, the Brett party took umbrage that smokers outside the venue had a sheltered area at the expense of those queuing who had to stand in the rain!

I intend to make an unannounced visit to the casino in the coming weeks and hope the welcome inside is better than standing in the rain outside! Watch this space.

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Hair on their chinny chin chins: From left, Andy Bale, Grant Hibbert and Lee 'Biff' Burton

A hairy way to raise money

A GROUP of fundraisers are growing their beards until March 2014 to raise money for Willen Hospice.

The 10 men, known as the Beardy Crew from The Coachmakers Arms in Newport Pagnell, decided to take part in a stop shaving

challenge, which was started by two of the members and the pub's landlord, Grant Hibbert.

The men will only be allowed to trim their top lip to eat over the next six months.

If any of them shave before

March they will have to donate £100 to the hospice.

Some of the men will also keep their beards until the summer when they will take part in the hardcore obstacle course Tough Mudder dressed as Spartans to further boost funds.

Heroin warning after OD death

BY CALLY JENKINS

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DRUG users have been warned about a 'potent' strain of heroin after a person died from an overdose.

The warning has come from police and health services following a 'significant' increase in overdose cases on Thursday and Friday.

Five patients were taken to Milton Keynes Hospital, with one subsequently dying of an overdose. Police are currently investigating.

Vimal Desai, emergency

medicine consultant at Milton Keynes Hospital, said: "We would normally expect to see one or two patients who have overdosed per week but we saw two on Thursday and three on Friday. Sadly one of these patients died."

"The reaction suggests an overdose of heroin which appears to be a lot more potent than normal."

"It slows down their breathing and knocks their consciousness level down."

"We would like to warn anyone thinking of taking these drugs that it may be a more potent batch, which can have

a much more detrimental effect and can be fatal."

Vicky Holliday, South Central Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust's area manager for Milton Keynes, said: "If you have a friend or relative you believe may have taken this concentrated form, then they may need help fast."

"Seek medical assistance from the ambulance service by dialling 999."

Anyone with information about the supply of illegal drugs in Milton Keynes should contact Thames Valley Police on 101.

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Winter Warmers

WINTER Warmers at the Woughton Community Council offices in Netherfield are looking for donations for babies, children and the elderly from Friday.

Fighting stereotypes

MORE than 100 young people are challenging negative teenage stereotypes by giving up their half-term, which starts on Monday, to run 12 city community projects.

Public consultation

RESIDENTS are being reminded to have their say on the proposed waste recovery park in the city. Send your views to psc@environment-agency.gov.uk

Emily's Star shines at awards

A CHARITY set up by a mum after her daughter died has won two awards.

Emily's Star was started by Katie Elmer, 27, from Redhouse Park after daughter Emily was born prematurely and died of Edward's Syndrome.

It has already raised

thousands to help other families who have lost a child.

On Saturday the charity picked up the organisation supporting families affected by loss accolade at the first UK Butterfly Awards.

Katie also won the individual overcoming a tragedy international award.

Concern over Creed Street

CONCERNED residents are demanding answers about why a theatre in Wolverton has told certain groups it can no longer use the premises.

A campaign has been launched to hold a public meeting - after the trustees of

Creed Street Theatre failed to do so - because people want to know what is going on.

Local councillor Mike Galloway said: "Groups have been told to leave with little notice. It is frankly not acceptable."

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In the pink for cancer charities



Proud: Walter Chrobok stands with the new pink Rolls Royce

A MECHANIC has restored an old Rolls Royce and painted it pink to help raise money for charity.

Walter Chrobok, 40, who owns Retro Classica – a classic car restoration and commercial painting company in Bow Brickhill – bought the vehicle for £1,000.

He was inspired to spray it pink for Cancer Research UK and Breast Cancer Care by Chris Evans. The Radio 2 DJ painted a £75,000 Rolls Royce pink in aid of Breast Cancer Care and called it FABI.

Mr Chrobok is hoping to display the car, which will feature various logos including ones for MK NEWS and MKWeb, in the centre:mk so people can put money in the boot.

Mr Chrobok said: "Everybody knows somebody who has had issues with cancer."

"My father battled with it for eight years before he passed away in 2008."

"There are even more people with cancer nowadays so I wanted to help raise awareness."

"I have had interest from organisations doing charity events across the UK and people keep visiting the garage to have a look."



Views aired on wind farm plan

BY JAMES AVERILL
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THE leader of Milton Keynes Council has assured the public it will not end up back in court after it adopted a new supplementary planning document (SPD) for wind farms.

Councillor Andrew Geary and his cabinet colleagues approved the document, which will 'protect the public from unintended impacts' of wind turbine developments.

In April, energy firm RWE npower renewables won a High Court case against the

council after it adopted a SPD which increased the distance between turbines and the nearest houses from 350 metres to a kilometre.

The new SPD takes on board advice from the British Society of Horses, which says turbines should be a distance of at least four times their height away from bridleways and footpaths, as they could startle the animals and prove dangerous for riders.

Cllr Geary told a packed public gallery last Wednesday: "This SPD is in accordance with the High Court ruling. It simply reiterates what we

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were told we could do. I doubt we will see this challenged."

But Labour has indicated it will call the decision in and Cllr Mick Legg said: "We believe this is a flawed document, is politically motivated and will see us back in court."

Alan Francis, of Milton Keynes Green Party, added: "This is another attempt to have a no wind turbine policy in Milton Keynes. There are bridleways with horses near the busy M1. Does that mean they should shut the M1?"

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Living Room closing

THE Living Room, at The Hub, will close on Monday. The venue will re-open on November 28 as Missoula, under new owners Stonegate Pub Company.

Zombie pub crawl

A ZOMBIE pub crawl will start from The Fox and Hounds in Stony Stratford High Street on Saturday at 7pm. The free event is in aid of Harry's Rainbow.

New shareholders

THE Ambassador Theatre Group Ltd (ATG) has announced Providence Equity Partners, will become a major company shareholder.

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Teenager admits assaults

A 16-YEAR-OLD pleaded guilty to two counts of assault by beating when he appeared at Milton Keynes.

The boy, who cannot be named for legal reasons, was 15 when the assaults took place at the Central

Personalised Education Centre (now called Bridge Academy Central) in Jonathans, Coffee Hall. The centre was closed after a gang of youths threw rocks at staff on September 25. The teenager is due to appear in court again on November 5.

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Women plagued by chef sex calls

BY JAMES AVERILL

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A HARRODS chef made repeated sexually-explicit mystery phone calls to five attractive female co-workers because 'he knew he could not have them' a court has been told.

Married Robert Perez, 31, admitted breathing heavily down the line while playing with himself, using pay-as-you-go numbers or his wife's friend's phone. Now he must wait to hear his fate.

Sentencing was put off at Hammersmith's Magistrates Court on Thursday until November.

Perez, of Princes Way, Bletchley, pleaded guilty to five counts of stalking, involving serious harm or distress, on or before September 30.

Prosecutor Tom Gill told the court: "Five employees received sexually explicit phone calls from a male and a large number of pay-as-you-go numbers were used.

"The victims believed the defendant was masturbating."



Caller: Robert Perez

The police were informed and a court order revealed the source of the calls was somewhere in the Milton Keynes area and Harrow, which Perez often visited.

"One of the phones used belonged to a friend of the defendant's wife," added

Mr Gill.

When arrested Perez immediately confessed and told officers: "I made the calls, I admit it was me."

Mr Gill added: "He admitted harassing all five women and said he knew he could not have them and did it as a sexual fantasy.

"He knows all five females and said he would never approach them."

"He admitted breathing heavily down the phone while playing with himself down below."

The Crown Prosecution Service applied for a Sexual Offenders Prevention Order banning Perez making phone calls on a withheld number.

He was also ordered to make his phones available for police inspection without deletions.

He was bailed until November 7 on condition he does not contact any of the victims or enters Harrods without permission.

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'Career criminal' put behind bars

BY JAMES AVERILL

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A SERIAL burglar named by police as Milton Keynes' 'most wanted' man has been sentenced to 41 months in prison.

David May, 42, who is already serving a jail sentence for burglary offences, pleaded guilty to four counts of dwelling burglary at Aylesbury Crown Court last Wednesday.

Two of the burglaries took place in Rhoscolyn Drive and Porthmellin Close, Tattenhoe, overnight between December 29 and 30, 2012.

The other two happened in Cranborne Avenue, Westcroft, overnight between January 10 and 11 this year.

May was charged with all four offences on September 10.

He was convicted on March 4 this year of three other dwelling burglaries and was sentenced to three-and-a-half years' imprisonment.

He answered 'no comment' to questions posed during



Guilty: Burglar David May

police interviews.

The 41-month jail term will run concurrently to the previous sentence.

Detective Superintendent Barry Halliday, Milton Keynes' Local Police Area Commander, was happy with the sentencing, warning

other burglars that they too can expect longer sentences.

He said: "This case shows that in Milton Keynes, even if you are arrested and convicted and sent to prison, if you do not engage with the criminal justice process you will still be brought to justice for previous offences."

"Further burglary offences took place in the same general area and on the same evening as the offences he had previously been convicted of - this is in an area where there had been few offences of this nature."

"If you are a career criminal, like May, and do not engage with police officers you do so at your own peril and can expect a longer sentence."

"We are holding burglars to account for their actions in Milton Keynes."

"May has received a longer custodial sentence and his victims now have a resolution."

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Strategy will help 'abused'

BY JAMES AVERILL
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A STRATEGY has been drawn up to help reduce levels of domestic violence and sexual abuse.

The strategy by SaferMK, which represents various local groups, aims to tackle issues like the 46 per cent repeat rate for reported domestic abuse in Milton Keynes – the highest in Thames Valley.

And between April 2012 and March 2013, Thames Valley Police received 5,753 reports of domestic abuse in the city.

Colin Wilderspin, the deputy head of community safety at SaferMK, told MK NEWS: "Those figures work out at about 15

reports of domestic violence a day, which is 15 too many.

"We are adopting a holistic approach. Often it is family and friends who pressure victims to come forward, so we need to increase people's awareness and then make sure victims have the right help."

The strategy was given the green light by Milton Keynes Council's cabinet last Wednesday.

Speaking after the meeting, Councillor Peter Geary, cabinet member for communities and public realm, said: "This strategy is about getting key groups to work together and talk about how we can reduce abuse."



Pleased: Dan Cauldwell at MK Theatre

Theatre worker wins UK award

A THEATRE worker has won a national award for his outstanding achievement.

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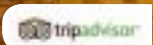
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What a load of rubbish: Piles of waste left behind at one of the illegal camp sites in Linford Wood

Big fat gypsy mess

BY JESSICA DUNCAN

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A HUGE mound of rubbish was left behind after another group of travellers, who had illegally set up camp, were evicted.

Since September 15 caravans have been pitching up in various locations on Rockingham Drive industrial estate in Linford Wood.

The four areas are owned by separate landlords who have been working with Milton Keynes Council to evict the gypsies from their land.

Today the landlords will

begin clearing up the mess left behind which includes tyres, sofas, mattresses and fridges.

However, since their eviction 10 of the caravans have moved to private land in Delaware Drive, Tongwell, where they have been served another eviction notice by the landlord.

Councillor Peter Geary, Milton Keynes Council's cabinet member for communities and public realm, said: "We are being very tough on illegal travellers encampments this year and we will continue to be if they are on

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council land or private land. We make it our job to contact private landlords and make it our priority to help them sort it out."

The council has joined forces with the police to stop travellers setting up camps in the city.

PC Alan Nisbet said: "We are working closely with our partners and liaising with land owners to police the unauthorised encampments and deal with any illegal activities."

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A SPORTS and social club, which has raised more than £10,000 for charity, has been shortlisted for an award. Wolverton Town Sports and Social Club is down to the last few in the Charity Club of the Year category at the National Club Awards.

Events held over the summer at the club in The New Park raised cash for local charities like Harry's Rainbow, Willen Hospice, the Little Lives Appeal and Sport4Wellbeing. The winners will be announced on November 21.



Wolverton Town chairman Steve Greenwood with wife Pip

On track for £7.65m to go to rail scheme

BY JAMES AVERILL

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COUNCILLORS have agreed to contribute £7.65million to the new East-West rail project.

But members of Milton Keynes Council's cabinet have agreed to wait to start making payments until it is clear exactly what the authority will get for its money.

The figure would be paid from the council's capital programme over the next 15 years, which amounts to an annual sum of £510,000.

The Government-backed project aims to reintroduce rail services to passengers from Bedford to Oxford via Bletchley.

The council's money would be part of a £50million contribution from local authorities that are set to benefit from the scheme. It is a fixed amount and will not rise if other consortium members withdraw their contribution.

As previously reported by MK NEWS, concerns have been raised about level crossing barriers in Woburn Sands

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and Bow Brickhill being closed for 40 minutes every hour due to the number of extra trains passing through on the line.

Following last Wednesday's cabinet meeting, council leader, Andrew Geary, told MK NEWS: "We know that we are getting a rail line, but we also want Network Rail to consult with local residents about the impact it will have on their community."

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Designers want you to buy local

BY JESSICA DUNCAN

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A PAIR of designers are trying to encourage more of the city's residents to buy locally made products.

Myra Hutton, 55, from Wavendon, and Steph Thannhauser, 48, from Great Holm, have just launched Best Made Local – an organisation made up of designers, artists and food artisans – to introduce people to the range of products that are created on their doorstep.

The duo are holding markets around the area hoping to get more people to support the local economy instead of buying products from other places.

Myra, who creates textured felt landscapes and dyed and stitched scenes, said: "With the economy as it is, it is difficult for creators to make a living. We want people to see what is around them instead of looking on the internet.

"By buying locally made products we save on the need for things to travel from the other side of the country or



From left: Steph Thannhauser and Myra Hutton

half way across the world. We get great quality and at the same time support the local economy, which should in turn create more opportunities for employment.

"At our exhibitions people can meet the creator and find out about the products and what makes them special."

Best Made Local currently has more than 30 creators, artists, designers and food

artisans who exhibit their work at the markets.

Their next two events will be at York House in Stony Stratford on Sunday and then on Saturday, December 7 from 10am-4pm.

As well as various stalls, there will also be a cafe selling locally baked cakes.

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Museum is planning to reboot computer

BY JESSICA DUNCAN

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EFFORTS to bring back to life one of the oldest surviving mass-produced computers are under way.

The National Museum of Computing (TNMOC), based at Bletchley Park, has taken delivery of what it thinks is the last ICT 1301 machine to have a chance of working again.

It is the third time it has been saved from the scrap heap in its 50-year history and TNMOC hopes to have it on display by 2016.

The huge machine, called Flossie, weighs 5.5 tons and has a footprint of about six by seven metres. It arrived at the museum in three container lorries.

Built in 1962 by the company that became ICT (International Computers and Tabulators), it was the first of more than 150 ICT 1301s that were used in commercial and public organisations. The machine's striking design means some have also appeared as props in the James Bond film *The Man*



Happy to hold: Dr David Hartley of TNMOC receives the first part of Flossie from Rod Brown

with the Golden Gun, *Blake's 7*, *The Pink Panther* and *Doctor Who*.

Only three other ICT 1301s are known to exist today and they are believed to be beyond repair.

Kevin Murrell, TNMOC trustee, said: "The ICT 1301 was ready for work. It transformed data processing in many businesses and used punched cards, magnetic tape reels and built-in printers."

Rod Brown, custodian of Flossie for the past decade, said: "Last year Flossie was again at risk of being scrapped, but thanks to TNMOC the machine is safe again."

"The team and I are delighted with this news, especially because TNMOC has such an outstanding track record of restoring computers."

"We look forward to the day that it can go back on display."

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Some schemes will not penalise you for retirement during the last 5 years before your scheme retirement age. Some employers will offer you a penalty free early retirement as part of a redundancy package.

The LGPS has a Rule of 85. Basically if your combined years of pension scheme membership and your age equal 85 then you can take early retirement without an actuarially reduced pension.



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So if you are aged 60 and have been a member of the scheme for 25 years then your combined number of years is 85 (60 + 25) so you qualify. How these civil servants dream up these rules is beyond me but this is definitely an LGPS rule.

So should you take advantage of a penalty free early retirement? The answer as usual is that it all depends. First of all you need to decide whether you can afford to retire early. Secondly have you factored in contingencies

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Your vote needed to help group win cash

BY JAMES AVERILL

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A SCHEME to help older people in Milton Keynes could receive £18,000 – but it needs local residents to vote for it.

Keysafe supplier Supra UK is celebrating 18 years in business by running an online competition in which one of seven community projects can win £18,000.

Over the last few months, seven customers of Supra UK were selected at random and a special birthday golden key was sent with an order for key safes. Each customer was asked to nominate a community project which would benefit from the money.

And one customer put forward Age UK Milton Keynes and the group has drawn up a proposal for a project that will make a difference to older people across the city.

The Help Me Home project would see the charity's handyperson service carry out practical jobs in people's homes, like installing handrails and moving beds downstairs, while they are in hospital.



Wanting your votes: Members of Age UK Milton Keynes are hoping to win £18,000 for their Help Me Home scheme

This would mean they wouldn't have to stay in hospital for longer than necessary.

Rachel Bell, Age UK Milton Keynes' head of property services, said: "We know this project will make a real difference to older people at a difficult time."

"No-one wants to stay in hospital any longer than they have to."

"We hope the public will get

behind us and vote for Help Me Home."

To vote for the scheme visit www.keysafebirthday.co.uk and click the purple vote button by Thursday, October 31.

The winner will be announced at a VIP event in Stratford-upon-Avon on Thursday, November 14, attended by all seven golden key holders and their nominated community projects.

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The happy couple: Ashley and Joyce Rumble are celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary

Perfect platinum pair

BY JESSICA DUNCAN

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AN AIR raid, Charles Darwin's house and a Lyons tea room were all part of one couple's eventful honeymoon 70 years ago.

Joyce and Ashley Rumble, who are both 89 and live in Devon Lodge Residential Home in Woburn Sands, celebrate their platinum wedding anniversary today.

They got married on October

23, 1943 in South Yorkshire.

Joyce said: "We planned to spend our honeymoon down at Professor Darwin's house in Kent. We went down by train and just as we got outside of London the train stopped due to an air raid."

"We found somewhere to stay overnight but discovered the next morning they didn't do breakfast, so we went to Lyons tea room in London."

The hotel the couple ended up staying in was near Biggin

Hill Airport, one of the commanding bases in the war.

Ashley said: "The war played a big part. I was called up to the navy so we spent a lot of time apart before we were married. Maintaining a good marriage is all about listening."

Joyce added: "And some give and take." The couple are celebrating with their family, including daughter Pauline, granddaughter Charlotte and great-granddaughter Grace.

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Cabbies caught in undercover 'sting'

BY JAMES AVERILL

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AN UNDERCOVER 'sting' operation has caught 10 cab drivers allegedly acting illegally in the city.

The private hire drivers have been accused of plying for fares unlawfully in and around Central Milton Keynes over the weekend of October 5-6.

Private hire vehicle drivers are only allowed to pick up people who have pre-booked, unlike hackney carriages, which are allowed to pick up customers on the street.

Neither the driver or the passenger would be covered by insurance in the event of an accident.

Milton Keynes Council and Thames Valley Police said they have 'growing concerns' over the public's use of private hire vehicles that have not been booked in advance.

The authorities joined forces for the operation, which



Determined: Karen Ford

was part of a campaign to promote safety, protect the public and educate private hire/taxi drivers.

The 10 drivers will be dealt with in accordance with their respective licensing authority policy, which could see

them face court action.

Karen Ford, head of the council's regulatory unit, said: "The council promotes a fair trading environment so when a driver has not paid for a hackney licence, but still picks up fares straight off the street, this is unfair on those hackney carriage and private hire drivers who are operating lawfully."

"Understandably they see this practice as very unfair and we are determined to stamp it out."

Chief Superintendent Barry Halliday, the local police area commander, added: "These operations are focused on keeping people safe."

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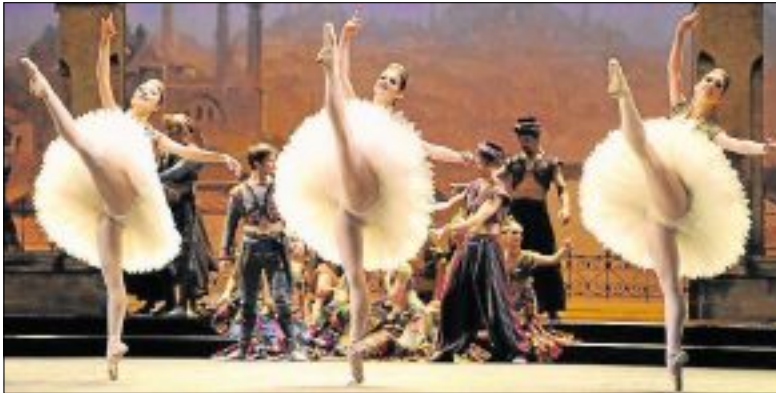
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MK NEWS was able to get a unique glimpse of the show that stunned audiences at the weekend.

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Keeping warm: Lakes Estate resident Theresa Gilnagh says the work carried out at her home has 'really improved' her life. The scheme has been shortlisted for sustainable larger housing retrofit project of the year at the 2013 Sustainable Housing Awards

Homing in on award

BY JAMES AVERILL

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A MAJOR project that has helped keep residents warm on a city estate has been nominated for an award.

Housing and regeneration company Keepmoat has been working to transform homes on the Lakes Estate as part of a £7.7million energy efficiency improvement programme for Milton Keynes Council.

The work, which began in April 2012 and finished in March this year, involved fitting new roofs, replacing boilers and installing double

glazing, external wall insulation and new cladding to more than 450 council-owned homes, making them warmer, greener and cheaper to heat.

And the work has been such a success it has been nominated for an award at the 2013 Sustainable Housing Awards.

One resident who is particularly pleased with the work is mum-of-six Theresa Gilnagh, 42, who lives in Nevis Grove.

"The work that has been done has really improved life for our family," she said.

"Two years ago when we moved in we were paying £25

a week for gas, the heating was always on and we were never warm.

"Now because of the new insulation in the walls and the double glazing we're only paying £40 a month. We feel like we've won the lottery!"

The Lakes Estate was built between 1968 and 1975 and consists of 2,200 homes, about half of which are owned by Milton Keynes Council.

Cllr Edith Bald, cabinet member for housing and finance, said: "This not only helps people keep warm but can also go some way to help reduce outgoings."

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Last week whilst travelling in the area and in search of sustenance, my partner and I chanced upon an intriguing looking restaurant entitled Dinajpur as Milton Keynes' first non-smoking and, now a another first, Tapas Bar restaurant.

Little did we know that this evening was their opening evening and we were welcomed nonetheless. Upon entering one could not help but be overwhelmed by its charming atmosphere and the tantalising aroma's emanating from the kitchen. Once seated inside its spacious surroundings, it's easy to soak up the ambience which instils a nice balance between western decor and traditional Indian hospitality. Instantly welcomed and made at home by the staff we ordered our drinks, (which arrived promptly) and perused the evenings menu. It contained a welcome variety of dishes without leaving one overawed. Our Tapas starters were succulent and plentiful and as we both agreed our luck in discovery of this fine restaurant, we were then dazzled by the mains. I then opted for the Lamb Chilli Massala which was electrified by the perfect blend of meat, sauce and vegetables. My partner was practically delirious over her Tandoori Duck, which insisted, was enthused with the right combination of spices and herbs. Whilst we tried to come to terms with the wonderful gifts we had been presented with, we had the chance to relax and enjoy the overall aesthetics of the restaurant. Another welcome drink later and it was time for dessert which did not disappoint. As with the Tapas starter, we shared a dish and enjoyed our sweet enormously. It rounded off the meal perfectly and left us both ecstatic with the overall experience.

We enjoyed our Dinajpur experience so much that we agreed to partake of one more drink at the bar, soaking up the intoxicating atmosphere before leaving, happy, content and with change to spare. Thank you Ikki & his staff once again for their warm hospitality and we recommend this restaurant to one and all.

MK is the star of Korean TV show

BY JAMES AVERILL

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A TEAM from South Korea's version of the BBC has visited Milton Keynes to make a documentary.

Members of KBS (Korean Broadcasting System), which is viewed by about 20 per cent of the country's 50million population, filmed this week at locations such as Network Rail, Milton Keynes Council and even the MK NEWS offices.

The news team was filming a 55-minute documentary exploring how new towns can be successful, pinpointing Milton Keynes as the best example to copy.

Reporter Jon Young Lee, speaking through a translator, said: "The Korean government has set up a plan for the expansion of a new town.

"We wanted to compare examples of a good new town and a bad new town.

"We visited Putrajaya in Malaysia, which is a town built for government workers, as a bad example.

"Milton Keynes was a good



Starring role: A KBS crew films MK NEWS reporter James Averill

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example because it has good employment and layout and is an eco-city.

"South Korea could learn from how Milton Keynes has low density development – you have enough space to develop for the future.

"The design of the city is well known by people in the planning business of

South Korea."

Mayor Brian White, who was also interviewed by the crew, said: "This kind of attention from other countries is quite normal for MK.

"It's only really in England that people sometimes have a negative perception of Milton Keynes.

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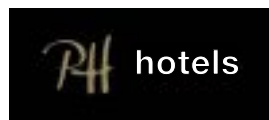


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Traditionally, the festival was a time that was used by the ancient pagans to take stock of their supplies and slaughter livestock for winter storage. The ancient Gaels believed that on October 31, the boundary between the living and the dead dissolved, and the dead become dangerous for the living by causing problems such as sickness (plague) or damaged crops.

The celebration of Samhain would frequently involve bonfires, upon which the bones of slaughtered livestock were thrown; costumes and masks were also worn in an attempt to mimic the evil spirits or placate them.

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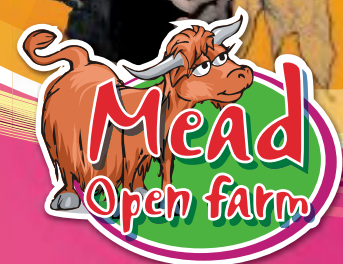
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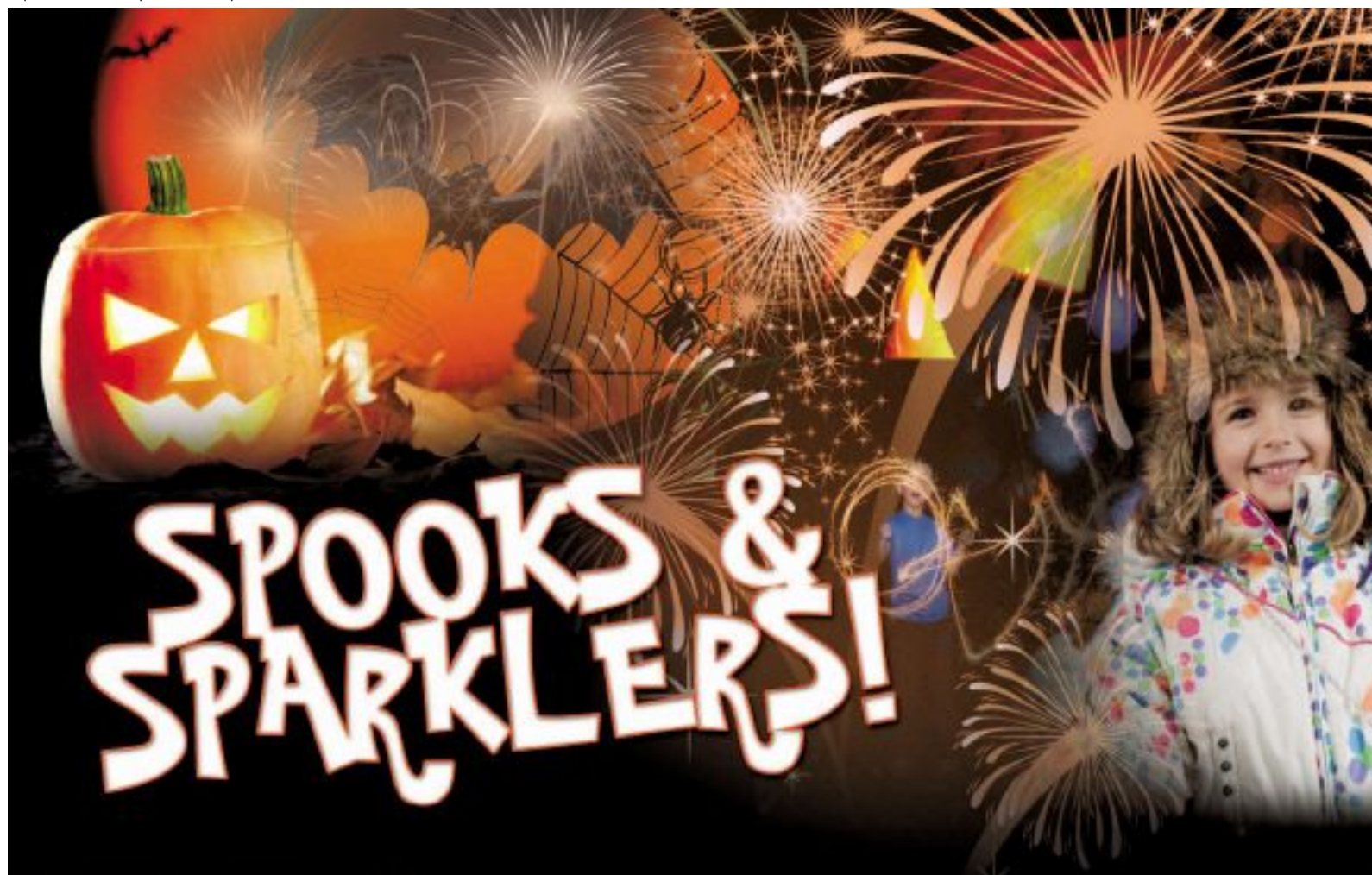
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Cheeky chappy Jason is back with some jokes

HAILING from Manchester, Jason Manford has a reputation for being something of a cheeky lad.

Maybe it's the chirpy accent, all we know is that he's rather funny and he's heading for Milton Keynes Theatre on Sunday.

It's been a while since Jason was last on tour – most recently he has been trying his hand at opera as part of ITV show *Born to Shine*. His singing skills won him the contest, a tour with Alfie Boe and a role in the West End performance of *Sweeney Todd*.

Jason recently said: "Some of you might think I've had a career change what with all the opera and musical theatre I've been doing lately. Not a chance, I'm excited to be getting back to what I really love the most – stand up!"

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The award-winning John Lawson's Human Circus will transform into a fang-tastic show of Hallowe'en-themed acts to entertain the children throughout the half-term holidays.

From Saturday to Thursday, families can join ring mistress Jessica the Witch and her team of performers, including Pip the Clown, Ramon Cardell the illuminated juggler, Miss Jenny Hula Hoops, Britain's Got Talent's contortionist Lucinder, Shaine Acrobatics on the Chinese pole and The Shailo on the double trapeze.

There will be four spine shivering shows a day, running at 10.30am, 12.30pm, 2.30pm and 4.30pm. Visitors must arrive 15 minutes before the start of the performance.

Tickets cost £5.99 per person. To make sure you get yours and find out what other activities Frosts is doing over Hallowe'en, visit www.frostsgroup.co.uk



AARON Newton is an arboricultural and landscape officer at The Parks Trust. In this column for MK LIFE, he reveals how he can inspect up to 200 trees in Milton Keynes on any one day

I LEAD on our general tree inspections, which are mostly done in the spring and summer months.

I also carry out a number of inspections which can happen at any time, for example after severe weather such as storms or flooding, or when third party contractors have been doing work near or around our trees.

During my inspections I try to identify potential weaknesses in the tree's structure. The types of things I'll be looking for are anything from discolouration in leaves, cracks in the

stems or foreign fruiting bodies such as fungi, which can cause damage. On a daily basis I can inspect anything from five to 200 trees.

My favourite tree is the blue atlas cedar and you can see some juvenile examples of this majestic tree at Linford Manor Park.

The best part of my job is getting out and about in the parks and being able to oversee work that contributes to the ongoing growth of Milton Keynes' landscape. It's brilliant to be able to make a difference to how the city looks.

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captainphillips

BRITISH director Paul Greengrass takes the helm of this gripping thriller that tells the true story of the Maersk Alabama, an American freighter attacked by four armed Somali pirates.

As the conflict reaches its climax Captain Rich Phillips is taken hostage, but from the start the pirates are portrayed not just as the villains but as victims too.

Barkhad Abdi is unpredictable as lead pirate Muse and creates tension in every scene. His

sunken cheeks and bony frame cry out for power while still evoking a sense of danger and a surprisingly well written script allows for insightful exchanges with Hanks.

Meanwhile, Hanks takes us on an emotional rollercoaster that keeps us hooked at every turn as his vulnerabilities are laid bare. From the deck of the Alabama to the confines of the lifeboat, not once does the tension wane.



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meetingalan

FOLLOWING a sell-out run at the National Theatre, Alan Bennett's play, People, is coming to Milton Keynes.

The plot concerns the row between two sisters about what should happen to the family home, a crumbling stately pile in South Yorkshire.

For Dorothy, Lady Stacpoole, played by Sian Phillips, it's her home and she wants it to remain so even though there's no heating, the parkland is a jungle and an old tin bath perched on the billiard table in an attic is the only thing that's keeping the rain from washing through the roof and into the downstairs rooms.

For her archdeacon sister, June, (Selina Cadell) the only sensible option is to hand the whole lot over to the National Trust. But Dorothy favours a more creative solution.

There was a lot of discussion about the play when it first opened, not least by people who thought Alan Bennett was having a go at the National Trust.

"It's more complicated than that," he told MK LIFE's **Judy Riley**.

"I'm not a critic of the National Trust but of the whole business of conservation. I do find it hard to say what the play is about. It's not a lament for a way of life that's gone; I don't lament it. Dorothy's way – to let it fall down – is not a solution at all. But I can sympathise. It's her home, it goes beyond preservation. Critics always assume that the main character is the voice of the author. Some of her arguments I do endorse but I also endorse some of the points made by a completely reprehensible character. Even the arch-deacon, some of what she says is right, some is not."

People will be at the theatre from Tuesday until Saturday, November 2. Tickets cost from £16.90-£37.90 from www.atgtickets.com/miltonkeynes

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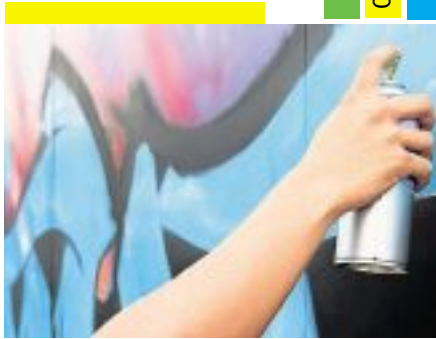
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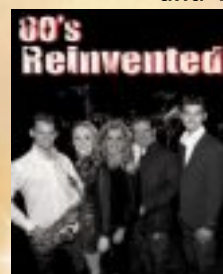
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In November changes will be made to the Adult Hearing Service in Milton Keynes to ensure that patients receive the most appropriate treatment. This includes some changes to the way appointments can be made.

NHS Milton Keynes Clinical Commissioning Group will be holding two meetings for patients of the service and anybody who may be interested in finding out more.

The meetings will be held as follows:

Thursday 7th November, 5.30pm – 7.00pm

Friday 8th November, 10.30am – 12.00pm

NHS Milton Keynes Clinical Commissioning Group, Sherwood Place, Sherwood Drive, MK3 6RT

The meetings will give attendees the opportunity to hear more about the changes, provide feedback and ask any questions they have.

If you would like to attend either of these meetings, please email mltonkeynes.ccg@nhs.net or call **01908 278697** to confirm your attendance.

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Jeff started stand-up comedy in February 2010 and in that short time has written and performed two solo one-hour shows at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival to fantastic audience and critic response.

He has started to appear regularly on panel shows such as Fake Reaction on ITV2 and Big Brother's Bit On The Side, showcasing his quick wit and unbridled and unashamed confidence as a live comic.

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superherodrama

MARVEL'S Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D is a programme I'm sure many of you superhero fans will already know about, so I got around to watching it on my Sky Plus this week, writes Scott Kirk.

With any TV show of this nature, the special effects are of paramount importance and the ones so far in Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D have been straight out of the top drawer.

The first couple of episodes have been pretty

spectacular, which has certainly drawn me in, but I think a bit of character development is essential now.

Phil Coulson, the main agent, is a character we all know and love, but we need to begin caring about the others now.

I hope this begins to happen over the next few episodes I watch. There is so much scope for where this series could go that I really hope it doesn't get spoiled with wooden characters.

lightfestival

A FESTIVAL of Light for parents and children comes to MK Gallery.

The free celebration inspired by Diwali, a lantern festival, and Guy Fawkes Night is being organised with The MK Pre-school.

At the event parents and their children under five can enjoy crafts, stories and music, plus Festive Road will bring an early taste of its Diwali celebrations with some special arts activities.

Further information will also be available at this event about other fun activities happening in Milton Keynes for families and children under five.

The Festival of Light takes place on Friday from 10.30am-1.30pm.

To find out more information visit www.mkgallery.org



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Tickets cost £7.50 and can be bought at www.stantonbury.org.uk



folkmusicians

THE Full English tour comes to The Stables next Wednesday.

Musicians like Seth Lakeman, Martin Simpson, Nancy Kerr and more will perform arrangements inspired by The Full English folk music archive. Tickets for the 8pm show cost £18.50 from www.stables.org.uk



vikkistone

AFTER her sell-out Edinburgh show, comedian and musician Vikki Stone is stopping at Newport Pagnell as part of her debut UK tour.

Expect an explosive show at The Cannon on Sunday at 7pm. Tickets costs £8.80 at www.wegotickets.com



hellopossums!

GLOBAL icon Dame Edna Everage says 'goodbye' to the world with her UK farewell tour, which begins at Milton Keynes Theatre today.

Barry Humphries' Eat, Pray, Laugh Tour is an all-singing, all-dancing spectacular, with Dame Edna promising to 'empower' audiences. Tickets for the show, on until Saturday, cost between £17.90 and £80.90. They are available from the box office on 0844 871 7652, or at www.atgtickets.com



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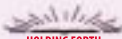
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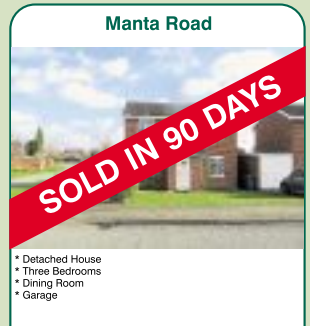
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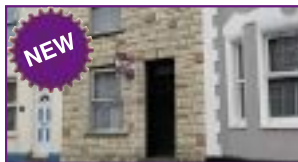
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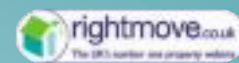
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- Close to local amenities
- No upper chain
- In need of modernisation
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For informal enquiries, please contact Linda Willis on 01908 254024.

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Ref: 500204721

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For informal enquiries, please contact Sue Frossell on 01908 254252.

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Closing Date: 3rd November 2013

Interview Date: w/c 11th November 2013

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Grade 5: £17,802 - £21,519

Ref: 50020481

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For informal enquiries, please contact Sue Gardiner on 01908 254222.

Closing Date: 3rd November 2013

Interview Date: w/c 11th November 2013

Stop Smoking Co-ordinator

Grade 8: £28,636 - £33,631

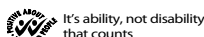
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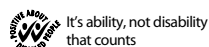
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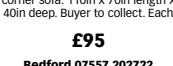
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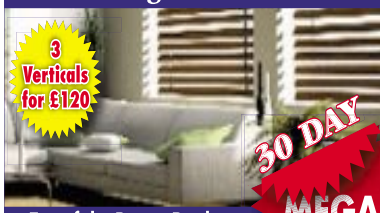
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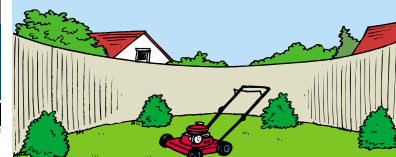
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NHS Milton Keynes Clinical Commissioning Group will be holding two meetings for patients of the service and anybody who may be interested in finding out more.

The meetings will be held as follows:

Thursday 7th November, 5.30pm – 7.00pm

Friday 8th November, 10.30am – 12.00pm

NHS Milton Keynes Clinical Commissioning Group, Sherwood Place, Sherwood Drive, MK3 6RT

The meetings will give attendees the opportunity to hear more about the changes, provide feedback and ask any questions they have.

If you would like to attend either of these meetings, please email mkc@g.nhs.net or call **01908 278697** to confirm your attendance.

Sherwood Place and Challenge House bus stops are outside the building and served by bus numbers 24 and 25. Parking is also available.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby given that Gaby Omana Lama has applied for a variation of the premise licence at unit 1 first floor Agora Centre, Church Street Wolverton MK12 5LG. The proposed variations are:

1. The grill bar to be included in the premise plan.
2. The late night refreshment to be extended from 00:30 to 01:30 on weekend including Bank holidays and Boxing day.

Full detail of the application can be viewed via The Licensing Register at the civic offices of the council during opening hours or on line at www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/licensing

Any interested party or responsible authority wishing to make a representation must do so in writing by the 4th November 2013 at the Licensing Team Milton Keynes Council Regulatory Unit Civic Office 1 Saxon Gate East Milton Keynes MK9 3EJ

Public Notices

GOODS VEHICLE OPERATOR'S LICENCE

Keynes Roofing Centre Ltd, 60 Colts Holm Road, Old Wolverton, Milton Keynes, MK12 5QD is applying to change an existing licence as follows. To keep an extra 1 goods vehicle and 0 trailers at the operating centre at: 60 Colts Holm Road, Old Wolverton, Milton Keynes, MK12 5QD.

Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre, who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at Hillcrest House, 386 Harehills Lane, LEEDS, LS9 6NF stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice. Representors must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A Guide to making representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's Office.

Public Notices

Change of Name

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SECTION 73

13/02160/TCA

WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA

Notification of intention to carry out the following tree work - to fell 1 x Cherry (T1), fell 1 x Almond tree (T2), fell 1 x Crab Apple tree, fell 1 x Rowan tree (T4) and fell 2 x Damsons trees (G1) at Priory Lane, North End, Ravenstone

SECTION 67 & 73

13/02150/FUL

LISTED BUILDING WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA

Change of use, conversion and extension of barns to single storey dwelling and erection of detached garage at Land To The East Of The Old Rectory, High Street, North Crawley

13/02151/LBC

Listed building consent to convert, alter and extend barns to single storey dwelling at Land To The East Of The Old Rectory, High Street, North Crawley

SECTION 67

13/02140/LBC

LISTED BUILDING

Listed building consent for internal alterations, replacement external doors of SW elevation and concrete handstanding for air-conditioning unit at Stable Block at Hanslope Park, Hanslope Park Road, Hanslope

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT (AS AMENDED)

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES) ORDER 2010 NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13

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12/02613/FUL

Erection of single wind turbine with a maximum blade to tip height of 90m (15 metre micro-siting) and associated infrastructure including access tracks, area of handstanding, control building and cabling at Bletchley Landfill Site, Newton Road, Bletchley

13/02130/OUT

Erection of 33 dwellings and associated works at Land At Warrington Road, Olney

13/02145/FUL

Educational day centre for children with autism at Former White Hart Public House, Whaddon Way, Bletchley

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THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES

(THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (VARIOUS ROADS, CENTRAL BLETCHLEY AND FENNY STRATFORD) (CONSOLIDATION OF PARKING AND WAITING RESTRICTIONS) ORDER 2002) VARIATION ORDER 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes proposes to make an Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 which will affect all classes of vehicle and have the following effects:

The introduction of no waiting at any time restrictions along some lengths of Dane Road, Denbigh Hall, Bletchley;

The introduction of limited waiting restrictions, Monday to Saturday, between the hours of 6.30am and 7.00pm for a maximum period of 20 minutes, no return within 1 hour, in part of Dane Road, Denbigh Hall, Bletchley.

The classes of vehicle affected by the proposed Order are passenger vehicles, dual-purpose vehicles, goods vehicles, disabled persons' vehicles, mopeds and motorcycles. Exemptions from the proposed Order include: emergency service vehicles, statutory undertakers, some loading and unloading, building, demolition and excavation, disabled persons badge holders, and some others.

Copies of the proposed Order together with a map showing the areas referred to along with a statement of reason for proposing the Order, may be inspected during opening hours at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes, Bletchley Library, Westfield Road, Bletchley and during normal office hours at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes.

Any objections to the proposals, together with the grounds on which they are made, must be made in writing and sent to the undersigned to be received no later than 13th November 2013 quoting reference WUP&E8112/TRO/2245.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES

(ST LEGER DRIVE (PART), GREAT LINFORD) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 23 October 2013 made an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 because essential repair works are to be carried out to a burst water main. The effect of this is to temporarily prohibit vehicular traffic from proceeding along that length of St Leger Drive, Great Linford which runs between Wellhayes and Summerhayes. It is anticipated that the temporary closure will be in effect from Monday 28 October 2013 to Wednesday 30 October 2013 for 24 hours each day.

The alternative routes will be as follows:-

- From Summerhayes to Wellhayes – proceed via St Leger Drive, Giffard Gate, Marlborough Street, Monks Way and St Leger Drive.
- From Wellhayes to Summerhayes – proceed via St Leger Drive, Monks Way, Marlborough Street, Giffard Gate and St Leger Drive.

There will be no exemptions from the provisions of the Order other than for emergency services vehicles and military vehicles being used for operational purposes.

The temporary restrictions will be in force on the dates shown when indicated by the appropriate traffic signs, and these will be displayed in the affected areas a few days in advance.

The applicant will notify all affected residents in advance of works taking place.

The Order will come into operation on 28 October 2013 and will continue in force for a period of up to a maximum of 18 months or until the works are complete, whichever is the earlier. If the works are not completed within the period stated, a further order may be made with the consent of the Secretary of State. Any person committing a breach of the Order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

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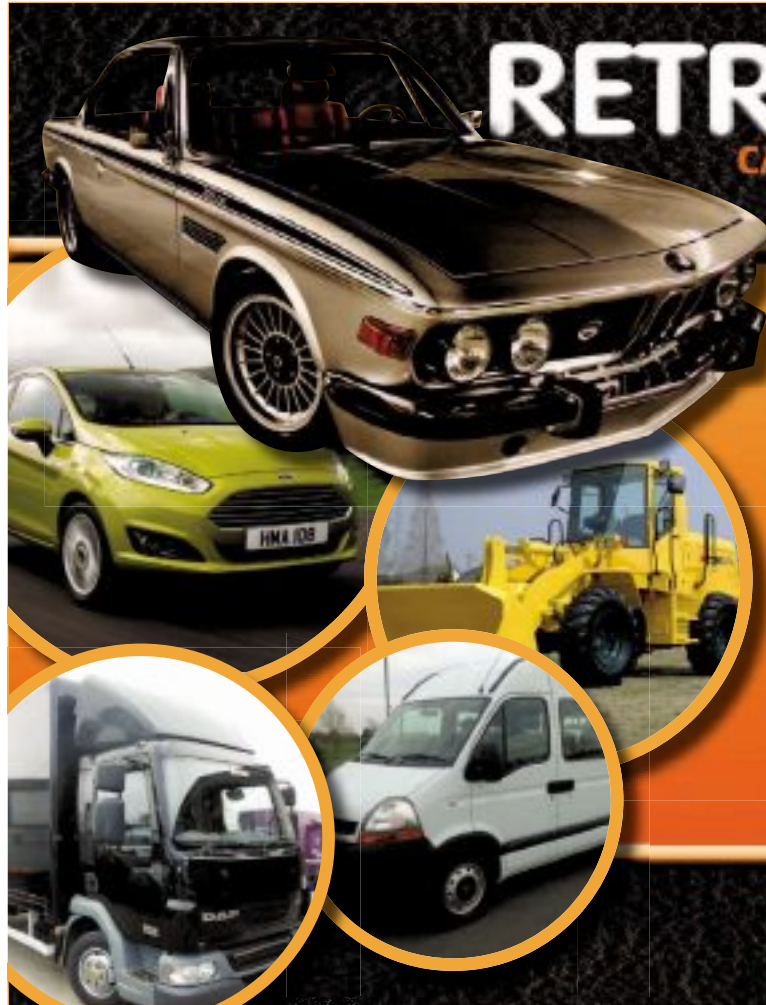
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RUGBY UNION

Late drama for Bletchley

BLETCHLEY gained revenge for their 16-10 league defeat to Aylesbury two weeks ago by knocking them out of the Bucks County Shield in a dramatic game.

Aylesbury were first to score with a penalty but Bletchley responded in style with a try to go 5-3 up.

Bletchley's lead was not to last though as Aylesbury centre Liam d'Almeida sprinted 50 metres to score under the posts and give them a 10-5 half time lead.

Bletchley scored another try to level and as the clock ticked down, they kicked a penalty to make it 13-10.

With minutes left, Aylesbury scored a try in the corner which was unconverted to give them a 15-13 lead, but the lack of conversion would prove to be decisive.

Aylesbury gave away a penalty within kickable distance of their posts, and the ball sailed between them to give Bletchley victory by the narrowest of margins.

Milton Keynes are also through to the semi-final after a nervy 32-20 success at Drifters, with Rob Matthews' try opening the scoring after four minutes for MK.

Drifters hit back five minutes later with an unconverted try of their own but a converted try through scrum half Rob Lasbrey gave MK a 12-5 lead.

Drifters hit back with a penalty, and it seemed every time City got their noses in front the home side clawed at the gap.

The final points of the half came in the shape of a penalty to City, kicked by Scott Aspinall to make it 15-8.

After being on the back foot in the second half, another blistering counter attack from City saw Matthews pick up his second try of the day, with Ollie Fountain missing the kick.

It was 27-8 when number eight Kieran McConnell went over in the corner, but City nearly threw their lead away.

The home side hit back with two tries, either side of a yellow card for Ashley Targett, as Drifters brought it back to 27-20 with a little over ten minutes to go.

MK secured the win though with a try on 77 minutes. A great turnover from John Marchbank saw City launch another great counter attack as Lasbrey scored to complete the victory.

Olney succumbed to a 43-26 defeat to High Wycombe in their tie.

They scored four tries, but these were not enough as they crashed out.

In the semi-final, Bletchley entertain Beaconsfield, while Milton Keynes travel to High Wycombe.

MK Dons
Head of Coaching
GARY WADDOCK
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THIS weekend a linesman got hit with a flare in the Aston Villa versus Tottenham game and there is just no need for things like that to happen.

In overseas games you see flares go off in the crowd and then go on to the pitch and that incident on Sunday could have resulted in a really bad situation.

I saw that game and fair play to the linesman because he got on with it, but that could have been very serious as he was hit on the back of the head.

I would ban people who have flares like that from the stadium because it's very dangerous to have them – there is enough atmosphere and noise at games for supporters without the crowd letting a flare off.

It was good to get back to winning ways on Saturday against Rotherham [3-2] and the quality of Patrick Bamford's winning goal was superb, so I was very pleased.

Rotherham are a good team and as we well know it's always difficult to break sides down when they go down to ten men.

But the timing of Patrick's goal was great because it killed them off.

Tom Flanagan is having a bit of an unlucky time with things at the moment, and obviously he scored the own goal on Saturday.

But he'll come through this part of his career all the stronger mentally. He's had a difficult period but he'll be fine I think.

On Saturday we travel to Tranmere and they are fighting for points for very different reasons this season.

They were top of the table this time last year and Tranmere is always a tough place to go to.

They'll be fighting for the points to get them up and running so it won't be easy.

• This column was written before MK Dons' home game against Carlisle United last night.

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TUSSLE: Jason Banton battles for the ball while Patrick Bamford watches on



IN CONTROL: Ben Reeves in action Pictures: Andy Handley

LEAGUE ONE TABLE

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	I Home	I Away	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1 Leyton Orient	13	5	1	0	16	5	5	1	1	16	6	21	32		32
2 Peterborough	13	5	1	1	8	4	5	1	0	16	4	16	32		32
3 Wolves	12	5	1	1	14	5	4	1	0	9	2	16	29		29
4 Preston	13	3	3	1	11	8	3	2	1	10	7	6	23		23
5 Bradford	13	4	1	1	14	4	2	3	2	9	8	11	22		22
6 Walsall	13	2	2	2	7	9	4	2	1	10	4	4	22		22
7 Brentford	13	3	1	2	7	5	3	2	2	11	12	1	21		21
8 Swindon	13	5	1	1	15	7	1	1	4	8	9	7	20		20
9 Rotherham	13	2	3	2	9	11	3	2	1	10	8	0	20		20
10 DONS	13	4	2	1	14	8	1	2	3	7	9	4	19		19
11 Crawley	12	4	1	2	10	10	1	3	1	8	7	1	19		19
12 Port Vale	13	2	2	2	8	9	3	0	4	9	9	-1	17		17
13 Carlisle	12	2	0	3	4	11	2	3	2	7	9	-9	15		15
14 Coventry	13	5	1	1	19	14	2	2	2	11	8	8	14		14
15 Shrewsbury	13	2	4	1	8	5	0	3	3	5	10	-2	13		13
16 Colchester	13	1	3	2	5	8	1	4	2	7	10	-6	13		13
17 Gillingham	13	2	2	3	8	9	1	1	4	8	13	-6	12		12
18 Crewe	13	2	2	3	8	15	1	1	4	3	13	-17	12		12
19 Oldham	12	2	2	2	6	5	1	0	5	8	13	-4	11		11
20 Stevenage	13	1	1	4	7	11	2	1	4	6	10	-8	11		11
21 Sheffield Utd	13	2	2	2	6	6	0	1	6	4	14	-10	9		9
22 Tranmere	13	0	2	4	6	17	2	1	4	5	9	-15	9		9
23 Notts County	12	2	0	3	8	6	0	1	6	6	17	-9	7		7
24 Bristol City	12	0	3	3	6	11	0	3	3	10	13	-8	6		6

Olympic star Emms joins badminton coaching staff in MK



COACH: Gail Emms

BADMINTON England have strengthened their coaching team by adding 2006 world mixed doubles champion and 2004 Olympic silver medalist Gail Emms to their backroom staff.

Emms will work alongside the national coaches and draw on her playing experience to help develop England's female doubles prospects and young mixed doubles pairs.

She brings a wealth of experience to the role. Alongside her world and Olympic success, she won European and Commonwealth gold medals as well as major international tournaments, most notably the coveted Yonex All England mixed doubles title in 2005.

Since retirement after the 2008 Olympics, she was appointed an MBE in the 2009 Birthday Honours List for her services to her sport and since then became Badminton England's first official Ambassador.

Emms, 36, said: "When I look back at my career and how important coaches were to me, I really want to give something back and to mixed doubles in particular.

"I want to just try to help with my experience and

the things I've learned in my playing career and try to mentor our young players.

"I'm here to work alongside the great coaches we have at the National Badminton Centre in Milton Keynes and give a little bit of input."

GB and Badminton England Performance Director Jens Grill said: "We are delighted to be able to draw on Gail's experience.

"Everyone knows she has played badminton with great success at the highest possible level in both mixed and women's doubles and is someone our young players can look up to and learn from.

"It is a great opportunity for them.

"We have engaged Gail on a short-term contract initially and her role will be to assist and support the national coaches and to share her experiences as a top player and instil in the younger squad members what it takes to get to the top."

Badminton England is the National Governing Body for the sport in this country, dedicated to promoting badminton by enabling more people to play the sport and giving those with talent the opportunity to fulfil their potential.

Based at the National Badminton Centre in the city, Badminton England is also home to the GB Performance Programme, which has the aim of consistently achieving medals at World and Olympic level.

Emms shot to fame when she won a silver medal at the 2004 Olympics in Athens, Greece, where she competed in the mixed doubles with Nathan Robertson.

In the final, they lost to the Chinese pair Zhang Jun and Gao Ling 15-1, 12-15, 15-12.

With Robertson, Emms had a superb year in 2006. In the Melbourne Commonwealth Games of that year she won gold in the mixed doubles, silver in the team event, and bronze in the doubles with Donna Kellogg.

She went on to win gold with Robertson in the IBF World Championships.

Emms retired after the 2008 Beijing Olympics, where she and Robertson lost in the quarter final against Korean pair Lee Yong-dae and Lee Hyo-jung, who went on to win the gold medal.

• The English National Championships will be held at the stadiummk arena in February.

Lewis is the Guy to haunt sloppy Dons

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moment even more so when Lee Hodson made a good run down the right hand side. He crossed the ball in for Powell on the edge of the area, and his side-footed effort only just went wide of the post.

Dons were the better side in the opening exchanges as Carlisle were pegged back in their own half. Jon Otsemobor should have let rip when he was 20 yards from goal, but instead he looked for a pass which failed to reach its target.

Carruthers then went on a good run into the box, but a Carlisle defender managed to intervene his cutback and clear the danger.

Darren Potter's shot only just went wide as Carlisle failed to clear Dons' third corner of the evening after the 12th minute.

As a quarter of an hour ticked by, Carlisle at least managed to get out of their own half as both teams tried to get to grips with the rain, which made a brief appearance at stadiummk.

It led to a lull in the game until the 22nd minute, when great pressing by the Dons front line forced Carlisle into making a mistake. Keeper Mark Gillespie botched his clearance and the ball went straight to Carruthers. But from 20 yards and with the ball at an awkward angle, his acrobatic volley went wide, although Gillespie was so out of position that he still felt the shot was going to trouble him as he dived for the ball.

Carlisle had their first chance of the game just after the half hour.

Matt Robson did superbly on the left hand side to get around Tom Flanagan, and Lewis Guy should have done a lot better with the cross. But he missed with his header completely as Dons were given a reminder.

The recently recalled Jason Banton curled a good effort from the edge of the box to re-affirm Dons' dominance in the match, which produced a good, albeit comfortable, save for Gillespie. But all of a sudden, Carlisle took the lead with a goal which came out of nowhere.

Conor Townsend was able to get the cross in from the left, and former Don David Amoo produced a superb scissor kick at the back post, back into the danger area.



FRUSTRATION: Skipper Dean Lewington

On the volley around his midriff, another ex-Don Guy smashed in a wondrous strike, giving Ian McLoughlin absolutely no chance as the visitors took a surprise lead.

The Dons remained the dominant force in the first half, and they huffed and puffed at Carlisle. Three minutes before the interval, Carruthers produced a lovely right footed shot which was dipping into the top corner, but keeper Gillespie managed to paw the ball away.

Banton made the keeper swat away his effort on the cusp of half time but for all their possession, Dons were lacking their cutting edge.

Man of the moment Patrick Bamford had an extremely quiet first half, and because of that, it was difficult to see where the goal was going to come from.

The second half began as the first ended, with Dons dominating possession but struggling to

really test Gillespie. Carruthers' shot was deflected from the edge of the box after a good run by Banton.

The impressive Robson caught Powell in possession on the halfway line, drove to the edge of the box and got his shot away, which only bothered the side-netting.

But Dons were bereft of ideas, and looked like they needed inspiration from somewhere.

Townsend's header only just went wide in the 52nd minute as Carlisle showed more signs of adventure, which led to Robinson putting all his eggs in one basket and making a triple substitution. That failed to have much impact on the game though as passes continually went astray.

The only noise that was being caused was the sound of a thunderstorm which made its way above stadiummk on the hour mark. Thunder and lightning produced ironic cheers from the Dons faithful as conditions became very difficult, with the ball sticking to the pitch.

Carlisle adapted to the much wetter conditions better, and a great counter-attacking move was very well dealt with by McLoughlin, who dived out of his net to parry a cross which would have left an open net for the visitors.

Powell typified Dons' night when he took up the ball on the halfway line with time and space. He tried to loft a ball over to George Baldock on the right, but his pass was way too long and the ball went out of play.

Bamford's first opportunity of the night came with 11 minutes to go. Dean Lewington cut inside and crossed for Bamford, who lost his marker by dropping deep with a crowd of players in the box. But his directed header wasn't quite goalbound enough as his attempt went wide.

And it was clear it was an off night for the home side when the ball fell for Bamford on the edge of the box after Powell was tackled. His shot went high and wide as Dons once again failed to make Gillespie work.

Dons simply failed to adapt to the wet conditions, and they finished the game with a whimper as Carlisle took all three points back to Cumbria.

SPORTS SHORTS

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL

NEWPORT Pagnell Town's spirited comeback at Cogenhoe was not enough as they succumbed to a 3-2 defeat in the United Counties Premier League. In the League Knock-Out Cup, Olney lost 3-0 at Spalding.

Stony Stratford Town, whose manager Sam Callear has left the club, beat Arlesey Town Reserves 7-2 in Division One of the Spartan South Midlands League, while in Division Two Willen beat Grendon Rangers 3-1 and Wolverton Town lost 3-2 at Pitstone & Ivinghoe.

A Dave Jarman double gave Old Bradwell United a 2-1 success at Tottenham in the first round of the Anagram Records Trophy.

In the New City Heating Milton Keynes Sunday League, Punjab United maintained their challenge in the Premier Division by beating leaders Scot Wharfside Electrical 3-1.

New Bradwell drew 1-1 with RJ Fitness, while Caz Bar beat The Garage 6-2. Slow-starting Olney defeated Inter Faith 3-1 and Stony Stratford thrashed Willen 15-1.

In Division One, Southcott A beat Buckingham United 3-1 to join OU at the top, while basement club Padbury surprised Stanton Manor 4-2.

It was a successful County Cup week for many sides – OU and Swanfca gained victories and Stoke Hammond are through on penalties after a 7-7 draw with Aylesbury United.

KORFBALL

THE new South Midlands Korfball Association league season gets under way on Sunday.

Three sides hail from Milton Keynes, including defending champions MK Bucks, who will field a developmental team as their firsts have been promoted to the South East Regional League.

The renamed MK Lakers side will field both Monday and Wednesday sides, with Bucks and two teams from Harrow Vultrix also involved.

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MILTON Keynes Field Archery Club will be holding an Open Day at their course in Hazeley Wood on Saturday, at 11am. For further details go to www.mkfac.co.uk.

ATHLETICS

MARSHALL Milton Keynes AC came second in the team event at the first Chiltern Cross Country League match in Watford.

HOCKEY

MILTON Keynes Ladies' 1sts went down 2-0 at Sonning in the South Clubs Division 3A, and are 11th out of 12 teams. The Men's 1sts are also second bottom of the South Hockey League Premier after a 6-1 home defeat to Chichester – Andy Dixon scoring the MK goal.

SPEEDWAY

MK KNIGHTS lifted the Midland Development League Vase thanks to a victory over Leicester Lion Cubs. Knights led 16-8 before Leicester levelled by winning the final two heats.

However, Knights man Tom Woolley beat Lee Springthorpe in the run-off.

ICE HOCKEY

Lightning purring over double Wildcats wins



WINS: Tom Carlon against Swindon

MK LIGHTNING head coach Nick Poole wants his side's defence to tighten up after they recorded a double win over Swindon Wildcats this weekend.

With a 6-4 scoreline in both games, Poole wants to see his side improve upon the eight goals the team conceded.

But having said that, he was very happy with the way his side attacked Swindon.

"It's another four points so I'm really pleased," he said.

"I was a bit disappointed with conceding eight goals and we usually pride ourselves on our defensive capabilities but I'm certainly not complaining about our offense.

"The most pleasing thing for me is that in years gone by if we went

down sometimes the belief wasn't there so this year it's good to see that we have that belief."

In both English Premier League/Cup encounters Lightning gave Swindon a two-goal headstart.

In the first clash at The Link Centre on Saturday they found themselves 2-0 behind at the first break and responded with five middle session goals.

Stan Lascek and Janne Jokila pulled Lightning back level, with Adam Carr and a Tom Carlon double making it 5-2.

Swindon brought it back to 5-4 before Blaz Emersic registered.

On Sunday, Emersic and Leigh Jamieson were the men to get Lightning level pegging after they again went 2-0 behind at the Skydome before Jordan Cownie

was given an easy opportunity to slot into an unguarded goal.

The lead only lasted until a Ryan Aldridge rocket shot went through Stephen Wall and Ryan Watt then gave Wildcats a 4-3 lead, but Cownie, Grant McPherson and Carlon scored for another 6-4 win.

Meanwhile, Poole reserved praise for three of his players who have made the Team GB squad for the World Junior Championships in Dufries this December.

Netminder Jordan Hedley, defenceman Ben Russell and forward Cownie have all been confirmed for the Division I B section of the tournament.

Poole said: "I'm really proud of all three of them and it's very much deserved for them."

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Robinson admits squad may not be good enough

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LEAGUE ONE

MK DONS
CARLISLE UNITED

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INJURY-plagued MK Dons produced a performance bereft of ideas as they succumbed to their first home defeat of the season with a poor 1-0 reverse against a resurgent Carlisle United last night.

Manager Karl Robinson was without keeper David Martin, Shaun Williams and Stephen Gleeson to go with a whole host of other injuries for the Dons, but he still admitted that his team lacked spark and needed strengthening.

"Today we have shown that maybe our squad isn't good enough," said Robinson.

"I thought our squad might have been, but players didn't step up to the plate.

"After the goal we were slow and reverted to a paused play."

Skipper Dean Lewington said that his side's performance was 'painful at times' and that there were too many mistakes.

"Apart from the first 15 minutes we seemed to deteriorate," he said. "It was mistake after mistake and got worse as the game went on."

The first opportunity of the game fell to the Dons when Samir Carruthers whipped a cross into the six-yard box, but Daniel Powell was just unable to get on the end of the delivery. Had he done so, the net would surely have been bulging.

Dons fans gave a minute's applause to Henry Allen in the fourth minute, who tragically died on Sunday. And Powell nearly made a goosebump

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SQUAD WORRIES: Karl Robinson makes a triple substitution against Carlisle last night.

Picture: Andy Handley

MK Oly Cats get handball season off to a flyer in their debut game

MK OLY Cats got their inaugural handball season off to a flying start with a 47-16 demolition of Olympia Cannock on Sunday.

Skipped by Team GB's London 2012 Olympic captain Bobby White, the Oly Cats ran riot in their first game since formation.

Peter Franco and Haruna Jallow Sey, who both scored five each, made impressive debuts.

Mark Hawkins and Seb Prieto produced seven goals apiece, while Elliot James also scored five times and it was four for Alfie Martin, John Pearce and Matt Lee.

George Moore and Huw Goodwin both bagged a hat-trick each.

Chris Rivett, chairman and chief executive of the club, said the Oly Cats were aiming to finish top of Midlands Division One this season.

If they do that, they will enter a play-off to reach the Men's Super 8 League – the premier division in British handball.

"It was absolutely brilliant to see us in action for our first game at the weekend," said Rivett. "Our first conversation about setting up a team was in April so to be competing having set up and registered is great."

"We don't really know the level we're at because none of the players have been involved with club handball in England before and the young guys have only played at youth level."

"But the victory was massive in marking our arrival and now the players have set the benchmark for the season."

"We want to reach the play-offs this season and if we can have a cup run that'd be great because we want to play as many games as we can, to get lots of people watching the matches and getting involved in the sport."

The Oly Cats' next match is their trip to Coventry Handball Club on November 11.



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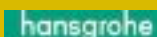
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